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SUBJ: DEATH OF AMCIT JOSEPH CHARLES KOVENDA

FOR: MRS. ROBERT GASTON
3306 RALPH AVE.
CLEVELAND, OHIO

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF YOUR BROTHER JOSEPH CHARLES KOVENDA. CENTRAL POLICE INFORMED THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL AT SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA ON MARCH 14, OF HIS DEATH BY WHAT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN A HEART ATTACK ON SATURDAY MARCH 12.
2. YOUR BROTHER HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY HIS PASSPORT AND BY THE AUTHORITIES AT ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, HUNTER HILL, WHERE HE WORKED AND LIVED.
3. THE CONSULATE GENERAL HAS TAKEN CHARGE OF HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS AND WILL WRITE TO YOU LATER CONCERNING THEIR DISPOSITION.
4. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR BROTHER'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO, PREPARATION AND SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO THE UNITED STATES WOULD COST US DOLLARS 3,000 (AIR FREIGHT RATES VARY WIDELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH WEIGHT OF REMAINS AND CASKET
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AND DESTINATION IN THE UNITED STATES.) CREMATION AND SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO THE U.S. WOULD COST US DOLLARS 800. IF COAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST IS US DOLLARS 1200. THE COST OF CREMATION AND LOCAL BURIAL IS US DOLLARS 900. ALL OF THE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

5. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING

ACTIONS: (A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED.

(B) TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH AMERICAN EXPRESS AT SYDNEY PAYABLE TO AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL.

(C) IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE U.S., YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

6. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY 7 DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON VLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE SENT TO YOU.

7. LOCAL AUTHORITIES REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE LOCAL DEATH CERTIFICATE:

- (A) MARITAL STATUS OF DECEASED.
 - (B) DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE
 - (C) NAME OF SPOUSE
 - (D) CHILDREN OF MARRIAGE
 - (F) PLACE OF BIRTH
 - (H) NAMES OF FATHER AND MOTHER, INCLUDING MOTHER'S MAIDEN
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NAME.

PLEASE INCLUDE AS MUCH OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION AS YOU HAVE AVAILABLE IN ANY COMMUNICATION YOU SEND TO THIS OFFICE. IF YOU WISH, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS POST BY PHONING 241 1031 IN SYDNEY.

8. PLEASE BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.

AMCONSUL

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

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